cent efforts of Air India to nee its market share include:

(1) Fleet modernisation by induction of four Boeing 747-400 air-

(2) Adding new destinations like Bar-Es-Salam, Durban. Johannes-'urg, Jakarta etc.

(3) Product upgradation through .. c imprehensive product excellence n plan.

(4) Introduction of joint programmes with Indian Airlines like Hub & Spoke operations, frequent flier progi-amme, computerised reserva-system for enhancing service to the Indian air passengers.

Ajr Services between Calcutta and Kailashar

SHRI VISHNU KANT SHAS-TRT: Will the Minister of CIVIL .AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to etate:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines have discontinued its services from Kailshar (North T'ipura) to Calcutta via Khowai and Kamalpur despite heavy rush of passengers;

Cb) if so, the reasons therefor and what alternative arrangements are made to resume air services between Calcutta and Kailashar;

(c) whether Government have considered to handover this route to a private operator, if so, the details thereof; und

(d) whether the State Government is competent to approach a private Air Taxi Operator and grant this air route o them, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIA--TION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHU-LAM NABI AZAD): (a) Indian Airlines discontinued its services to Kailashar, Khowai and Kamalpur from early 1974.

(b) With the phasing out of DC-3 (Dakota) in early 1974. the services !0 Kailashar, Khowai and Kamalpur were discontinued, Kailashar uirpori itaMe for operation of any aircraft in the fleet of Indian Airlines

(.cj and (dj Any operator whether i anient or private can operate to any station open for scheduled tions.

Air services between Calcutta ad Dibrugarh

315. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines and Vayudoot which were operating air services from Calcutta to Bibrugarh and back touching at Guwahati, Tezpur, Jorhat have ince been discontinued;

(b) the reasons for disconti: mnce of these air services; and

(c) what other alternative anange-ments have been made or arc being made to link Calcutta and Dibrugarh via Guwahati, Tezpur and Jorhet by air for the convenience •_ the people?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to phasing out of F 27 aircraft and due to commercial and operational reasons, Indian Airlines and Vayudoot Limited respectively withdrew this service.

(c) At present, IA is operating services on the routes Calcutta—Dibrugarh (four pmee weekly), Calcutta— Guwahati - Dibrugarh . twice weekly), and Calcutta - Tezpur -Jorhat—Calcutta (thrice weekly) Indian Airlines and Vayudoot have no plans at present to connect Tezpur and Jorhat to Dibruaarh.